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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. CHILE

A. POLITICAL CRISIS CONTINUES...

AMBASSADOR DAVIS IN SANTIAGO FEELS THAT THE INCORPORATION OF THE MILITARY INTO THE CHILEAN CABINET IS NOT DEVELOPING INTO A VIABLE SOLUTION. BOTH THE RIGHT AND THE LEFT ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE CURRENT ARRANGEMENT AND THE EXTREMES ON BOTH SIDES SEE VIOLENCE AS THE ONLY WAY TO FORCE THE POLITICAL DEFINITION THEY WANT IN CHILE. PRESIDENT ALLENDE IS UNDER GREAT STRAIN FOR PERSONAL AND POLITICAL REASONS. PLOTTING FOR A MILITARY COUP CONTINUES. (SECRET) SANTIAGO 3625, 8/15 (EXDIS).

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B. ...WHILE THE LEFT MOUNTS ATTACK ON US PRESENCE

THE LEFT IN CHILE HAS RECENTLY BEEN MOUNTING A CAMPAIGN

AGAINST THE US EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO, BEGINNING WITH ALLEGATIONS IN A SOCIALIST DAILY REGARDING A CIA PRESENCE AND ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY, FOLLOWED BY A LIST OF "AGENTS OF THE CIA" WITH HOME ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUM-

BERS. THE LIST LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF BOMBS PLANTED AT THE RESIDENCE OF SEVERAL EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND THREATENING CALLS AGAINST OFFICERS ON THE LIST. FINALLY, A GROUP OF LEFT WING DEPUTIES HAS CALLED FOR THE EXPULSION OF AMBASSADOR DAVIS FOR TRYING TO OVERTHROW PRESIDENT ALLENDE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) SANTIAGO 3624 AND REUTER RNR 211, 8/15.

2. SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS

SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ILICHEV, HEAD OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE PRC-USSR BORDER TALKS, ALLEGEDLY TOLD SOVIET JOURNALISTS THAT THE TALKS ARE FINALLY GETTING DOWN TO HARD ISSUES, ACCORDING TO EMBASSY MOSCOW. THE TWO SIDES APPARENTLY AGREED TO DISAGREE ON IDEOLOGICAL MATTERS, AND TO SHELVE THEM. LATER, GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV, ADDRESSING A RALLY IN KAZAKHSTAN, PUBLICLY BLAMED THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN NORMALIZING RELATIONS ON THE PRC'S OPENLY ANTI-SOVIET POLICY. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 9689, 8/15 AND REUTER RNR 93, 8/15.

3. IRAN TO REPLACE CANADA ON ICCS

THE NEWS OF IRAN'S REPLACING CANADA ON THE ICCS WAS MADE PUBLIC YESTERDAY. EMBASSY TEHRAN COMMENTS THAT THE IRANIANS ACCEPTED THE REPLACEMENT ROLE ESSENTIALLY FOR REASONS OF NATIONAL PRESTIGE. THOUGH THEY WILL GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO DOING THE BEST POSSIBLE JOB, IT WILL TAKE THEM SOME TIME TO GET CRANKED UP. (SECRET) TEHRAN 5785, 8/15.

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4. UNSC: ME RESOLUTION A RESULT OF COMPROMISE

USUN DESCRIBES YESTERDAY'S UNANIMOUS UNSC RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN ISRAEL FOR THE FORCIBLE DIVERSION OF A LEBANESE AIRCRAFT AS THE "MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TO A MAJORITY OF THE (COUNCIL) MEMBERS (I.E., THE NON-ALIGNED) AND THE MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE TO OTHERS (I.E., THE US)." LEBANON RESISTED STRONG PRESSURE FROM THE NON-ALIGNED AND ARAB

STATES TO BROADEN THE RESOLUTION TO SPECIFY SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL, A MOVE WHICH WOULD HAVE CALLED FORTH A US VETO. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) USUN 2886, 8/16.

5. AFGHANISTAN FOUR WEEKS AFTER

EMBASSY KABUL REPORTS THAT THE SITUATION IN KABUL IS STILL LARGELY UNSTABLE. THE OUTCOME IS BY NO MEANS CERTAIN. DAUD AND HIS NEW GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO BE

PREOCCUPIED WITH INTERNAL POLITICS AND MANEUVERING. THE SENIOR MILITARY, AND ESPECIALLY THE POLICE, ARE SAID TO BE ANGERED AND HUMILIATED BY THE RECENT PROMOTIONS AND HIGH COMMANDS GIVEN TO THE JUNIOR OFFICERS WHO HELPED DAUD GRAB POWER. THE EMBASSY COUNSELS ALERTNESS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF GREATER SOVIET INVOLVEMENT, NOTING THAT THE SOVIETS COULD BE PRESENTED WITH A TEMPTING TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CREATION OF A SOCIALIST ISLAMIC STATE SHOULD DAUD FALTER AND THE YOUNG OFFICERS TAKE OVER. (CONFIDENTIAL) KABUL 6054, 8/15.

6. GLOOMY DAY ON THE SUBCONTINENT

PRIME MINISTER GANDHI AND PRESIDENT GIRI BOTH DELIVERED PESSIMISTIC SPEECHES FOR INDIA'S 26TH INDEPENDENCE DAY, MRS. GANDHI CONCENTRATING ON THE BLEAK ECONOMIC SITUATION AND PRESIDENT GIRI CALLING FOR A MORATORIUM ON STRIKES AGAINST THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND CRITICIZING HOARDERS AND PROFITEERS. MEANWHILE, PAKISTAN'S BHUTTO DELIVERED A SPEECH IN ISLAMABAD MARKING THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND HIS ASSUMPTION OF THE PRIME MINISTERSHIP. THE SPEECH WAS LARGELY A LECTURE ON THE POLITICAL SHORTCOMINGS OF PAKISTAN AND PAKISTANIS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) NEW

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